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Commander Raymond Gabriel  
Commanding Officer, USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719)  
C/O Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO  
Naval Submarine Base, New London  
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Dear Commander Gabriel,

Welcome Home! And congratulations on a successful deployment to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. Every member of your crew should be proud of their accomplishments in defense of our nation, and for representing all Americans as impressive diplomats during port calls in Spain, Turkey and Gibraltar.

I know this homecoming is an extra special one because once again USS PROVIDENCE was in the worldwide spotlight during combat operations off of Libya. Americans watched as you and your crew projected our nation's power ashore in support of an international coalition to protect lives and prevent a massive humanitarian crisis. The professionalism demonstrated by the crew of USS PROVIDENCE reminded us of the awesome power and agility of our forward deployed Navy. In peace and war, diplomacy and combat, each PROVIDENCE crewmember can be rightfully proud of his distinguished service.

Welcome home to a grateful nation, and very, very proud Connecticut homeport.

Well Done!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Malloy".

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor